

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. <b>09/631,540</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Imanaka</b>
	Examiner <b>Christopher Grant</b>	Art Unit <b>2611</b>

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 7/25/01 response
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-24
3.  The drawings filed on 8/3/00 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) / 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). <u>15</u> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____. 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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*Chris Grant*  
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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jacques Etkowicz on 12/10/01.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The text at page 1, lines 1-6 (amendment A1, submitted 4/19/2001) has been amended to --This is a Reissue Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/594,152, filed June 12, 2000, which is a Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,172, issued August 4, 1998. Copending Application Serial Nos. 09/631,542, filed August 3, 2000, 09/632,139, filed August 3, 2000, and 09/817,840, filed March 26, 2001 are Reissue Divisional Applications of Serial No. 09/594,152, filed June 12, 2000.--

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chris Grant whose telephone number is (703) 305-4755. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile, can be reached on (703) 305-4380.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306 0377.

*Christopher Grant*  
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**Primary Examiner**  
**December 10, 2001**